Kunniug of Shatabdi Express between Ilowrah Guwahati etc.

199. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce Shatabdi Express between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri, How-rah andi Guwahati, Howrah and Dhanbad-Bokaro and Howrah and Bombay;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) i{ not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c) The feasibility of introduction of a Shatabdi Express between Howrah and fiokaro via Dhanbad is being examined. However, introduction of Shatabdi Expresses between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri, Howrah and Guwahati and Howrah and Bomaby is not feasible due to operational and resource cons^ traints.

Attachment of AC 3-Tier Coaches[1] with Long distance trains

200. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state r

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to attach A.C. 3-Tier Coaches with all long-distance Mail/Express trains;

(b) if so, when and jhe details thereof;

(c) the names of those trains where such coaches are to be attached apart from Rajdhani Express; and

(d) the steps so far taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. 22 A.C. 3-tier sleeper coaches (Self Generating) are planned to be manufactured during 1994-95 and the first coach turned out has been deployed on 2417/2418 Prayag Raj Express. It is proposed to deploy the remaining coaches on the trains like 2311/2312 Kalka Mail, 2303/2304 and 2381/2382 Poorva Expresses, 2903/2904 Frontier Mad and 2925/2926 Paschim I \press after these coaches are manufactured in the Production Units.

Percentage of Tota,! incurred in Passengers' Amenities

201. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to

(a) what is th$_e$ percentage of total outlay, the Railways are spending for passengers amenities during the last two years;

(b) the details $_0$f various amenities provided to the passengers during the lasi two years; and

tc) what are the plans for the future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS I SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The total outlay and the percentage thereof spent for passengers amenities during the last <wo years are as follows:

(Rs./crores)

Year	Total Outlay	Amount incurred on passengers amenities	Percentage
1992-93	5136.68	36.23	0.71
1993-94	5004.43	67.46	1.35